

Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2013

The Tazewell Town Council met in regular session at 7:14 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.
Vice-Mayor Chris Blankenship
Councilmember Chris Brown
Councilmember Glenn Catron
Councilmember Jack Murray
Councilmember Terry Mullins

Absent:

Councilmember Fox

Staff present were Town Manager, Todd Day; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Police Chief, DeWitt Cooper; Zoning Administrator, Donald Pruitt, Jr. and Fire Chief, Josh Roberts.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission and Town Council of the Town of Tazewell conducted a joint public hearing in the Council Chambers for the purpose to receive public comments on a rezoning for two (2) sections of property located at the Industrial Drive. The rezoning request is to consider one section of the property to be rezoned from the current classification of B-2 (business) to A-1 (agricultural) and another section of the property to be rezoned from the current classification of A-1 (agricultural) to B-2 (business).

Mayor Buchanan asked for public comments of the rezoning request from Ed Reynolds.

Councilmember Brown questioned the response from Rick Cook on the rezoning.

Manager Day stated Mr. Cook had no objection to the rezoning of the property.

Jim Ruble with Alpha Land Surveyors came before Council representing Mr. Reynolds stating he had prepared the plats for rezoning if there were any questions.

There were no public comments. Mayor Buchanan closed the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance by Councilmember Murray, an Air Force Veteran and the prayer by Navy and National Guard Veteran Councilmember Catron.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Allison with the Veteran Parade Committee stated that approximately 169 vets participated in the parade and 250 plus were provided meals at the Main Street Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Catron to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Murray to approve the financial statements for October 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the project and activity reports for October 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Day stated that the Dry Town Sewer Project will be on hold until February 2014. There are land owners that the Town Attorney is working on easements.

ROUTE 61 AND ROUTE 61 BRIDGE

Manager Day advised that was no change in the Route 61 and Route 61 Bridge Project working on easements after getting through the Dry Town Project.

LINCOLNSHIRE DAM

Manager Day stated that was no change in the Lincolnshire Dam Project working with DHCD for funding.

HISTORICAL PLAQUES

Manager Day stated that the Town needed approval from the business to place the historical plaque on their buildings.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilmember Brown updated Council on the meeting, stating the Economic Development Committee nominated Tony Roop as the Chairperson for the committee. The committee had several guests at the meeting and they gave the committee a lot of good ideas and contacts for businesses to come Tazewell. The committee meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month.

LANDFILL LECHATE – SEWER PLANT

Manager Day stated the Tazewell County Landfill leachate was slowly going into the Town Sewer Plant and there were changes in the testing for the plant.

Vice-Mayor Blankenship did not see a problem if the elements don't change at the plant and cause a problem.

Manager Day stated and made a promise if there any sign of problems the leachate will be immediately taken off line.

VML CONFERENCE UPDATE

Mayor Buchanan stated he learned a lot at the VML Conference that he had attended.

PUBLIC HEARING – METES AND BOUNDS UPDATE

Motion was by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blankenship to hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission and Town Council on December 10, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. for metes and bounds updates for Town Charter. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

REVENUE SHARING APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION UPDATE

Manager Day stated he had completed an application for Revenue Sharing funds for street paving for 50/50 match of \$250,000 Town funds and \$250,000 State funds.

CONDEMNATION OF STRUCTURE – 141 CORAL DRIVE

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown to proceed with the condemnation of 14 Coral Drive. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

GARBAGE PICKUP – LARRY ANGLES

Manager Day stated that Larry Angles asked him to bring before Council the removal of his garbage pickup.

No action was taken by Council.

ADVERTISEMENT – BOOK ON HISTORY OF FOOTBALL AT THS

Manager Day stated he had received a request from Tony O’Quinn for an advertisement in the book “History of Football at THS”.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown to pay \$800 to Vance Graphics for a full page advertisement in the book of the History of Football at THS. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins abstained from voting. Motion passed 4 to 1.

SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS DONATION

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Catron to donate \$350 to the Fincastle Garden Club for “Small Town Christmas” for a reception on December 19, 2013 at Main Street Methodist Church Parish Hall. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

ZONING – ANNEXED AREAS

Manager Day discussed with Council stating there were no zoning in the annexed areas of Dial Rock Road and Dry Town.

BAND OF OZ – MAIN STREET MOMENTS

Council discussed getting the Band of Oz for Main Street Moments.

Councilmember Brown stated the citizens should get involved with the events for Main Street Moments.

OLD DEPOT TRAIN STATION

Councilmember Mullins stated the Town needed to get a group together to work on the Old Depot Train Station at North Tazewell.

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

Councilmember Murray brought to Council stating guardrail needed to be placed across the road from McDonalds, look at the Little League Field entrances before there is an accident and on Tazewell Avenue a tree is blocking the view of traffic at the Buchanan residents and also church sign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Councilmember Murray
Motion Seconded by: Councilmember Brown
Vote: All voted aye

Resolution Number: ES111213
Meeting Date: November 12, 2013
Purpose: Consultation Legal

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Whereas, the Tazewell Town Council has convened an executive session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Council that such executive session was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Tazewell Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell Town Council.

VOTE

Ayes: Councilmember Blankenship, Brown, Catron, Murray, Mullins

Nays: None

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described.)

Absent during vote: Councilmember Fox
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Clerk, Linda S. Griffith

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.